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SUBJ: BEAUFORT SEA

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1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED RESPONSE, DATED JANUARY 11,
TO OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE DELIVERED OCTOBER 18, 1976, PER REFTTEL.
GOC CONFIRMS THAT CLAIMANTS WITH CLAIMS NOT GREATER THAN
\$10,000 WOULD HAVE OPTION OF CHOOSING A BINDING ARBITRATION
PROCEDURE. ALSO, CANADIAN OFFICIALS WILL REQUIRE
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN
EVENT OF BLOW-OUT BEFORE DRILLING OPERATIONS MAY
CONTINUE. END SUMMARY.

2. FULL TEXT AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT.

I AM REPLYING TO THE POINTS RAISED IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE
OF THE EMBASSY DATED OCTOBER 18, 1976, WITH RESPECT TO
CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE ARRANGEMENT FOR LIABILITY AND
COMPENSATION RESPECTING BEAUFORT SEA DRILLING. I WOULD BE
GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY OUR COMMENTS TO THE
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON.

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WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST QUESTION RAISED IN THE
AIDE-MEMOIRE, THE UNDERSTANDING OF UNITED STATES
OFFICIALS THAT CLAIMANTS WITH CLAIMS OF NOT GREATER
THAN \$10,000 WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF CHOOSING A
BINDING ARBITRATION PROCEDURE IS CORRECT. CANADIAN
OFFICIALS WOULD AGREE, AS WELL, THAT SHOULD THE
OPERATOR FAIL TO APPOINT AN ARBITRATOR THERE WOULD BE

GROUNDS FOR FORFEITURE OF THE BOND PURSUANT TO ITS PROVISIONS AND THOSE OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE AGREEMENT OF JULY 31, 1976, BETWEEN CANADA AND THE OPERATOR.

WITH RESPECT TO THE SECOND POINT RAISED IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE, IT IS THE INTENTION OF CANADIAN OFFICIALS TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, IN THE EVENT OF A BLOW-OUT CREATING SIGNIFICANT WASTE, BEFORE DRILLING OPERATIONS ARE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE ON THE OTHER WELLS DEFINED IN THE PROGRAMME.

I AM ALSO ENCLOSING A COPY OF THE RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE ARCTIC WATERS POLLUTION PREVENTION REGULATIONS (P.C. 1976-2765, NOVEMBER 10, 1976), APPLICABLE TO OFFSHORE DRILLING THE BEAUFORT SEA. WE HAVE ALREADY PASSED COPIES OF THE UNAMENDED REGULATIONS TO U.S. OFFICIALS FOR THEIR INFORMATION.

I TRUST THE ABOVE ANSWERS THE POINTS OF CLARIFICATION REQUESTED BY THE EMBASSY. END TEXT.

3. AFOREMENTIONED AMENDMENTS VIA POUCH TO EUR/CAN.
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